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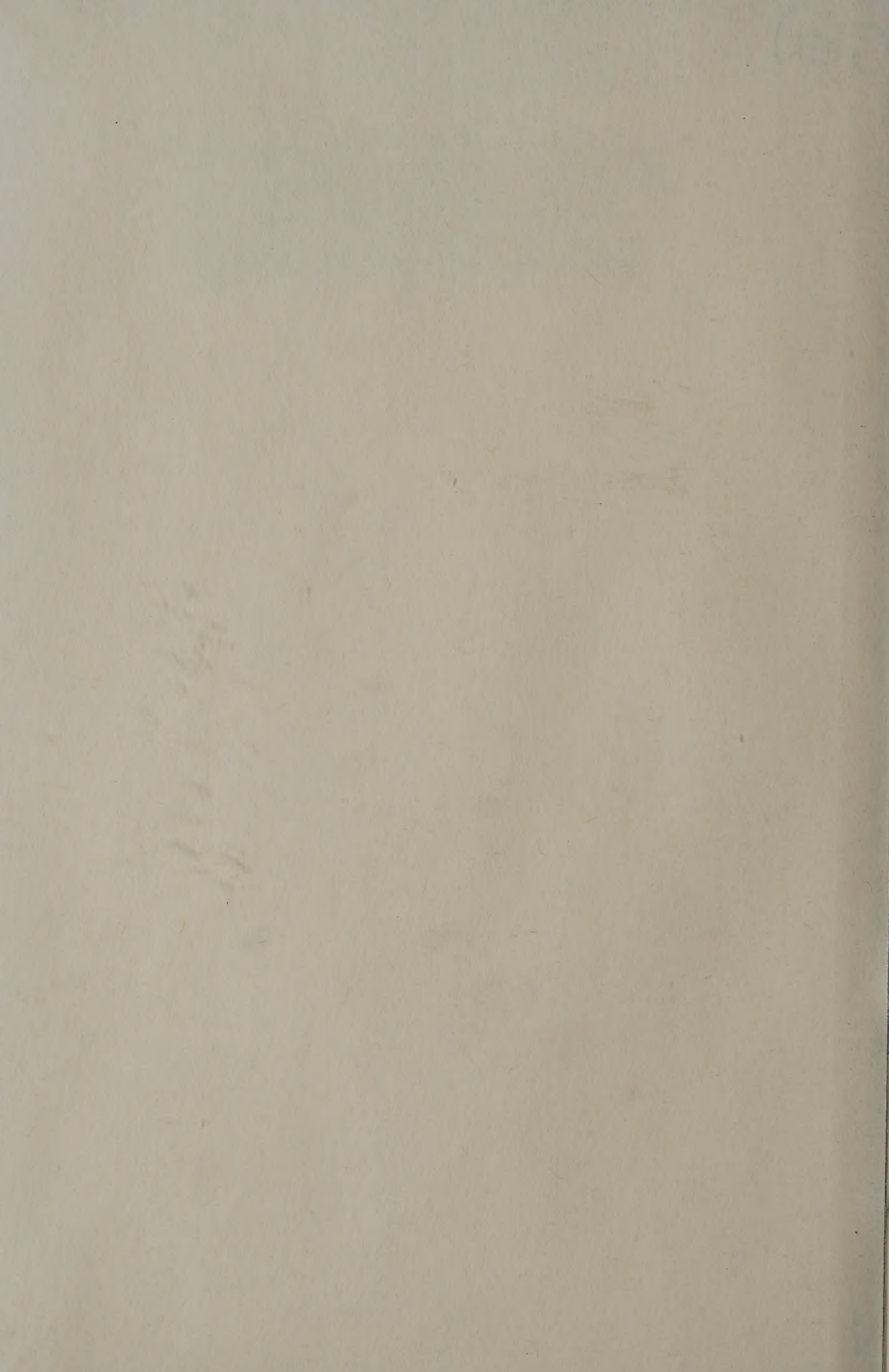
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TOWN OFFICERS—1927-1928

Moderator	H. H. Blanchard
Town Clerk	R. M. Wilcomb
Town Treasurer	R. M. Wilcomb
Selectmen	J. L. Johnson, term expires 1928 F. P. Lovejoy, term expires 1929 W. M. White, term expires 1930
School Directors	W. E. Fisher, term expires 1928 Maude Whitcomb, term expires 1929 Geo. A. Perry, term expires 1930
Listers	J. L. Giddings, term expires 1928 C. N. Safford, term expires 1929 H. O. Dodge, term expires 1930
Auditors	E. H. Kendall, term expires 1928 W. A. Fuller, term expires 1929 F. P. Dashner, term expires 1930
Trustees Public Money	H. H. Blanchard, term expires 1928 E. J. Fullam, term expires 1929 M. E. Stearns, term expires 1930
Trustees Campbell Fund	Mrs. E. R. Fellows, term expires 1928 A. D. Baker, term expires 1929 Henry Lawton, term expires 1930
Town Grand Jurors	H. H. Blanchard E. H. Kendall Fred H. Spaulding
First Constable	Fred A. Gordon
Second Constable	Barton H. Carpenter
Agent to Defend and Prosecute Suits	Board of Selectmen
Tree Warden	George Bates
Cemetery Commissioners	Edward H. Kendall, term expires 1928 Frank Barney, term expires 1929 George F. Leland, term expires 1930 John T. Slack, term expires 1931 George O. Jenkins, term expires 1932
Park Trustees	F. W. Corliss, term expires 1928 N. L. Grow, term expires 1928 George Bates, term expires 1929 Carleton Cutler, term expires 1929 George F. Leland, term expires 1930

TAXES

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When they come due I don't like them at all.
Taxes look large be they ever so small.
Taxes are debts which I venture to say
No man or no woman is happy to pay.
I grumble about them, as most of us do,
For it seems that with taxes I never am through.

But when I reflect on the city I love,
With its sewers below and its pavements above,
And its schools and its parks where the children may play,
I can see what I get for the money I pay,
And I say to myself: "Little joy would be known
If we kept all our money and spent it alone."

I couldn't build streets and I couldn't fight fire,
Policemen to guard us I never could hire.
A water department I couldn't maintain,
Instead of a city we'd still have a plain.
Then I look at the bill for the taxes they charge,
And I say to myself: "Well, that isn't so large."

I walk through a hospital thronged with the ill
And I find that it shrivels the size of my bill.
As in beauty and splendor my home city grows,
It is easy to see where my tax money goes.
And I say to myself: "If we lived hit and miss
And gave up our taxes, we couldn't do this!"

MANAGER'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen,
Town of Springfield,
Springfield, Vermont.

I submit herewith to your honorable Board my report for the year ending February 1st, 1928.

Never, I believe, has our town organization been more thoroughly tested than during the year just ended. The very few days available and the vast amount of work necessary for the preparation of "Lindbergh Day" showed the value of our present working unit. Later, in November, flood conditions and consequent damage to highways demonstrated in a far more forceful manner the value of our municipal organization and the splendid equipment we have been building up, during the past seven or eight years. The genuine co-operation on the part of citizens, officials and all town employees has made these achievements possible.

HIGHWAYS

At the present time, this department shows an overdraft of \$6002.68. When we are reimbursed by the State for this amount, plus the amount due us for use of equipment, we shall then show about the same cash balance available for coming year as we had on Feb. 1, 1927. November 1st, we had a cash balance of about \$2000.00, which was to be used for further improvement of Town roads in the south and west parts of the township. We were just starting this work when the flood came upon us and in consequence were unable to carry forward earlier plans.

Unselected Work. The amount of money used in this department exceeded that of any previous year. We received State funds totaling \$2724.56, and together with our own appropriation, gross expenditures amounted to \$3339.87, divided as follows: Pleasant Valley, \$1360.55; Eureka, \$1979.32. I recommend that the Eureka work be continued in 1928. Pleasant Valley has had a very generous part of this money for a period of two years. Such funds as are available, upon the completion of Eureka road, should in my opinion be used on the Rockingham road, leading past the property of Alexander Shannon.

Resurfacing. \$1482.66 was used in the application of tarvia (one mile) on the Connecticut River road, at its junction with

Weathersfield. Late in the season, \$472.44 was used for new gravel surface on the first mile south of this tarvia treatment. This was done in anticipation of extending the tarvia surface for another mile in 1928. The balance of Resurfacing money, \$320.55, was used on the Chester road.

State Aid and 5%. This fund, to the amount of \$2929.07, was used on the Chester road, between the property of Elmer Cutler and Charles Damon. At various points, the highway was widened, grades slightly reduced, four or five new sluices and a new gravel surface. The most important improvement was the re-location of several rods of highway a half mile east of the Damon place. This work greatly reduced the danger on two bad curves. I consider this job as unfinished and recommend some additional money be used in the extension westerly of work started last season.

Rural or Town Roads. We have spent slightly more in this department—\$6043.14 to be exact. Spencer Hollow vicinity and Tennyson hill received about \$1000.00 of this amount. Pleasant Valley, Eureka, Breezy hill, Perley Gordon road, French Meadow, Parker hill, Seaver Brook, James Abbott road, Crague hill, Carley road and several other locations received varying amounts of \$100.00 to \$300.00 each. A generous amount of money available was used for general maintenance.

BRIDGES

Just before the flood, our bridge account was several hundred dollars below budget figures. Today, it is just as far in the other direction. We shall receive State Aid to care for this unusual expense. As a result of the flood, we lost the steel bridge at the foot of Bridge street, likewise the Seaver Brook bridge was almost completely wrecked. Both of these bridges will have to be replaced. We understand this will be accomplished with State and Federal money. The North Springfield covered bridge, south of the Village, may also require some special attention.

EQUIPMENT

During the summer of 1926, we attempted the purchase of a crushing and screen outfit for the Charlestown gravel pit. After much experimental work, this equipment was discarded, as

being entirely inefficient. There was only minor expense to the Town and the concern furnishing this outfit removed it from the premises, during the past summer. Again, during 1927, we made another attempt, with the result that we have today a very efficient and satisfactory equipment. In operating a drag line with this crusher, we have reduced our labor charge fully 50%—there is no waste material to be removed and in the operation of the crusher, we are producing a gravel for highway purposes far superior to the usual product. One-half purchase price was paid in 1927 business and the balance has been retired since Feb. 1st, 1928. Total cost, including purchase and installation, was about five thousand dollars.

Unusual work following the flood made it imperative that we change one of our worn-out, light, one and a half ton trucks for a heavier job. A new Mack truck was purchased in its place. Financing of this purchase was postponed until March, 1928.

At no time in our history has our entire equipment been so up-to-the-minute and complete in every way as it is today.

CEMETERY

This department indicates a slight increase in expense over the preceding year, yet with a special appropriation of \$800.00, we show a balance available for next year of \$223.50. Appropriation for coming year should be \$1200.00.

POOR

With an unusual number of needy cases, our Outside Poor Account shows an expense of \$6118.86. While farm receipts have fallen off \$106.93, expense of farm operation was reduced \$662.15, as compared with the figures of previous year. Farm income has been 62% of total expense, or some five points better than 1926. Inventory of live stock is very slightly less than a year ago but ahead of two years ago. Mr. Cutler may rightly be proud of the condition of his dairy cows. Butter fat tests of milk products shows marked improvement, during the past two or three years. Land improvement is receiving special attention.

With very minor exceptions, the expense of caring for our poor is entirely financed by the Harriet F. Wilson Trust Fund and our business relations with the Trustees of this Fund have been most satisfactory.

FINANCES

Total footings indicate that your municipal office has handled during the past year, half a million dollars—\$502,664.99, to be exact. Borrowings have been negotiated at very favorable rates and we have made the largest debt payment in the Town's history. Refunding bonds, \$6000.00; School bonds, \$8500.00 and the balance due on Library site, \$10,000.00, making a total of \$24,500.00. The unpaid loan of December 24th (\$10,000.00 flood emergency) need cause us no particular worry, as this amount will very nearly be covered by State funds, at the proper time. Our real flood worries, in their relation to finance, are still ahead of us and I prefer to address the voters personally on this subject, at the annual meeting, March 6th.

R. M. WILCOMB,
Municipal Manager and Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

(Exclusive of School Affairs)

Year Ending Feb. 1, 1928

	Dr.	Cr.
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1927	\$ 11,882 85	
Proceeds from selectmen	240,067 48	
Proceeds from poor department	11,743 46	
Proceeds from town highway	17,352 76	
Proceeds from state highway	6,304 07	
Proceeds from cemetery	2,165 59	
Paid on notes		\$140,000 00
Paid on bonds		6,000 00
Paid on orders other than notes and bonds		137,346 51
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1928		
Checking account		5,518 34
Cash, Treas.		651 36
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	\$289,516 21	\$289,516 21
Feb. 1, 1927, there were outstanding notes and bonds, including Library and Cemetery Trust Funds, to the amount of	\$114,750 00	
Issued during the year, notes	137,880 55	
Plus discount on notes	2,119 45	
Notes have been paid including Sparrow Estate note of \$10,000.00, to the amount of		\$140,000 00
Bonds have been paid to amount of		6,000 00
Now outstanding, notes		24,750 00
Now outstanding, bonds		84,000 00
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	\$254,750 00	\$254,750 00

Borrowings in anticipation of tax revenue \$130,000.00 and cash on hand \$6,169.70, deducted from total footings of \$289,516.21 show net expense \$153,346.51.

NOTES AND BONDS DISBURSEMENTS

Old Colony Corporation, temporary loan	\$100,000 00
William Sparrow Estate, balance due on purchase of library site	10,000 00
Parks & Woolson Machine Company, temporary loan	5,000 00
School Department, temporary loan	10,000 00
Springfield Village, temporary loan	15,000 00
First National Bank, Springfield, Vt., refunding bonds	6,000 00
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	\$146,000 00

INTEREST DISBURSEMENTS

Old Colony Corporation, certification	\$ 80 00
William Sparrow Estate, interest on note	208 33
Parks & Woolson Machine Company, temporary loan	13 89
School Department, temporary loan	36 67
Springfield Village, temporary loan	75 00
First National Bank, refunding bonds	4,500 00
Trustees Gaylord Fund, annual interest	58 75
Trustees Cemetery Fund, annual interest	199 00
Trustees Public Money, cemetery, annual interest	72 00
Trustees Public Money, library, annual interest	90 00
Trustees Campbell Fund, annual interest	250 00
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	\$5,583 64

Old Colony Corporation handled on discount basis.

Interest to the amount of \$2,119.45 does not appear in above statement.

Total interest charges for year on temporary borrowings	\$2,325 01
Interest has been earned to the amount of	1,189 79

Net expense for all Selectmen's temporary borrowings	\$1,135 22
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Old Colony Corporation loan rates:

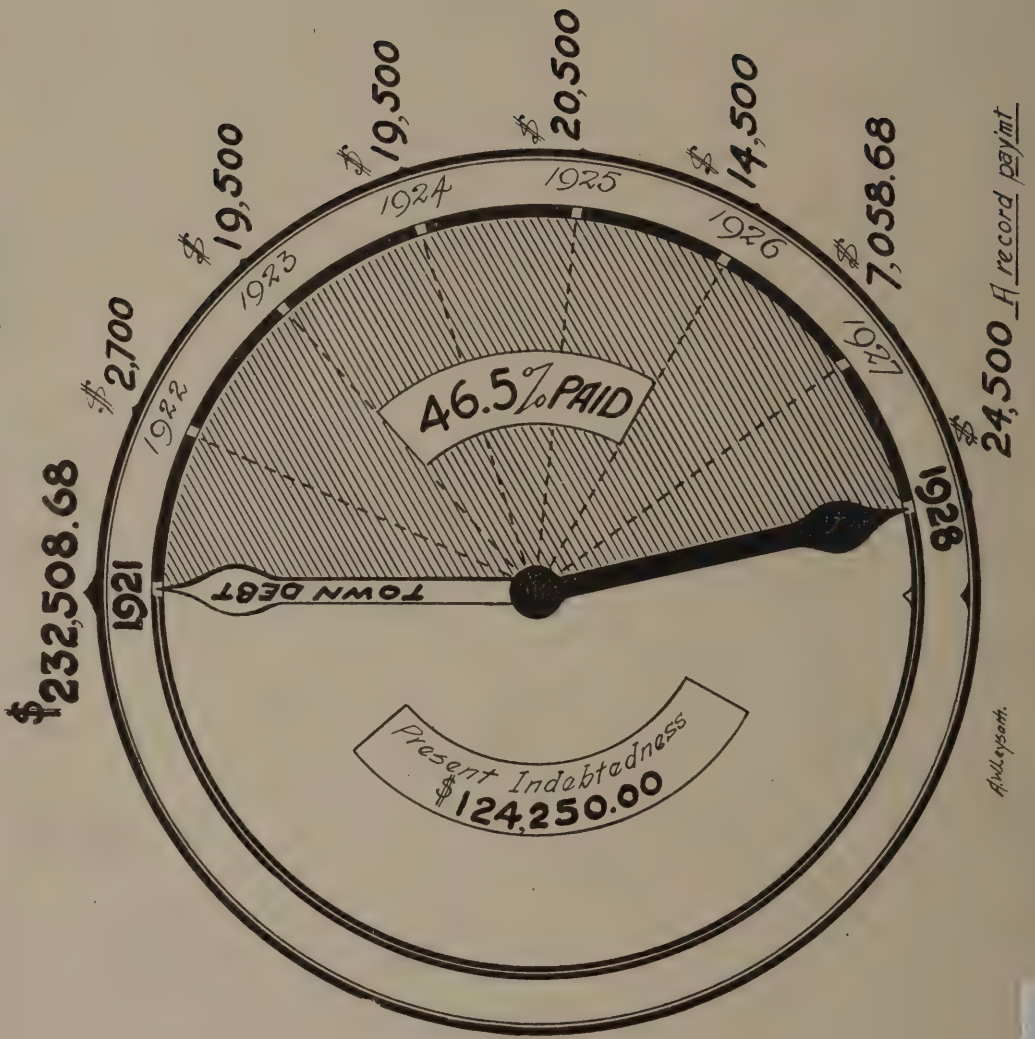
\$50,000 00 @ 3.72%

\$50,000 00 @ 3.69%

Rates of interest between Town, School and Village on a 4% basis.

Loan of Old Colony Corporation \$10,000.00, Dec. 24, (Flood emergency) and still unpaid, carries a rate of 3.50%.

A Seven Year Record of Debt Payments



A Total Reduction of \$108,258.68

ANALYSIS OF DEBT

1921

Library, Cemetery, Poor and School	
Trust fund notes	\$17,308 68
Twelve Miscellaneous Notes to Individuals	
Parker Fund Notes	15,200 00
Summer Street School Bonds	10,000 00
Railroad Bonds	85,000 00
Springfield Savings Bank Notes	20,000 00
	85,000 00
Total	\$232,508 68

1928

Library, Cemetery, Poor and School	
Trust Fund Notes	\$14,750 00
Summer Street School Bonds	25,500 00
Refunding Bonds	84,000 00
Total	\$124,250 00

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS

(Temporary loans not included)

No.	%		
53	5	Trustees Campbell Fund (Poor Fund)	\$ 2,900 00
54	5	Trustees Campbell Fund (Poor Fund)	2,100 00
55	5	Trustees Gaylord Fund (School Fund)	275 00
56	5	Trustees Gaylord Fund (School Fund)	200 00
57	5	Trustees Gaylord Fund (School Fund)	300 00
58	5	Trustees Gaylord Fund (School Fund)	400 00
116	4½	Trustees Public Money	3,600 00
117	4	Trustees Cemetery Money	4,975 00
	3½	Old Colony Trust	10,000 00
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			\$24,750 00

Interest on above notes paid to Feb. 1, 1928, with exception of Old Colony Trust.

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Outstanding notes as per list	\$24,750 00	
School Bonds, 5%	25,500 00	\$ 425 00
Town Bonds, 5%	84,000 00	700 00
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\$134,250 00		\$1125 00

LAND RENTS DUE FEB. 1, 1928

G. L. Witherell	\$10 73
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TAXES DISBURSEMENTS

Frederick H. Chapman, County Treasurer		\$ 1724 31
Thomas H. Cave, State Treasurer		
Highway tax, 5%	\$4310 78	
Direct tax, 7½%	6754 93	
School tax, 10%	8621 57	
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		\$21,411 59

MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSEMENTS

Labor	\$5388 00
Use of Village trucks and teams	105 83
Gasoline, oil and grease	2423 87
Truck repair parts and tires	1445 32
Crusher outfit (part payment) and parts	2453 44
Welding outfit and heating repairs	552 11
Paint, lead and waste	164 67
Hardware, tools and other merchandise	697 05
Freight, express, etc.	762 43
Village share of intangible tax income	3115 49
Insurance and surety bonds	1044 42
Tax, Town of Charlestown, N. H.	78 81
County Agricultural tax	830 91
Refunds on taxes	227 43
Electric lights outside Village, also at barn and office	705 70
Electric power at gravel pit	295 35
Lumber	823 87
Coal	107 12
North Springfield sidewalks (1926 work)	480 65
Due Harriet Brown from sale of real estate	633 37
Interest, Springfield Savings Bank, Harriet Brown property	142 88
Rent, Municipal office	600 00
Telephone service, office and barn	95 60
Stamped envelopes and postage	162 04
Record books for Town Clerk	148 95
Other office supplies	93 38
Fires outside Village	1112 41
Health Officer	243 77
Lindbergh Day expense	863 13
Clerks at town meetings and elections	21 00

Physicians (reporting births, deaths and communicable diseases)	127 87
1927 Town Reports	290 67
Quadrennial appraisal books	242 65
Miscellaneous printing	182 13
Dog damage and investigating dogs not licensed	153 80
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	\$26,816 12

SELECTMEN'S RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1927	\$ 8,762 54
Town hall	455 50
Brown property, rent	216 00
Richardson property, rent	204 00
Sparrow property, rent	268 50
Pest house, rent	19 50
Proceeds, sale of Sparrow building	51 00
Sale of Brown property	1,602 07
Sale of scales and labor	832 35
Town Clerk, recording fees	1,066 72
Dog licenses and fees	930 00
Hunting and fishing license fees	174 65
Springfield Village, share of office rent	200 00
State Treasurer, spreading chloride	111 55
Gas, trucks and tractor	2,237 44
Gravel and sand	744 41
Miscellaneous receipts	787 70
Old Colony Corporation	107,880 55
Springfield Village	15,000 00
Parks & Woolson Machine Company	5,000 00
Springfield schools	10,000 00
Interest	1,189 79
Poll taxes	3,031 55
Property taxes	87,163 19
Collector	901 01
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	\$248,830 02

APPROPRIATIONS DISBURSEMENTS

Hospital and free bed		
Springfield Hospital Association		\$8000 00
Memorial Day		
Joseph B. Johnson		\$ 125 00
Fair		
Springfield Fair Association		\$ 500 00
District Nurse		
King's Daughters		\$ 500 00
Rural Playground		
Harold Bush, Treasurer		\$ 500 00
Scholarships		
Guy. W. Bailey, Comptroller, University of Vermont	\$200	
John A. Fletcher, Treasurer, Middlebury College	160	
	—————	\$ 360 00
Library		
H. H. Blanchard, Trustee of Library funds		\$5000 00
White Pine		
F. H. Rose		\$ 33 80
Band		
Leon J. Allbee, appropriation	\$500 00	
Electric lights	12 04	
Labor	8 03	
	—————	\$ 520 07
July 4th		
American Fireworks Company		\$ 375 00

SALARY DISBURSEMENTS

Manager and Treasurer	\$2937 48
Other office salaries	3984 00
Superintendent	1449 96
Selectmen	300 00
Auditors	43 44
Listers	754 13
Attorney	300 00
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	\$9769 01

TOWN HALL DISBURSEMENTS

Janitor	\$ 300 00
Other labor	40 65
Coal	102 03
Repairs and incidentals	48 74
Lamps and lighting	142 07
License and insurance	669 48
Team hire and water rent	10 31
Scenery	600 00
Merchandise and express	41 65
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	\$1954 93

The purchase of new scenery and an unusual amount of insurance premiums payable this year account for the increase in the total figures of the Town Hall account.

HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

Labor	\$10569 60
Use of Village trucks and teams	1623 00
Truck repair parts, blacksmith work	856 21
Gasoline	1861 10
Posts, hardware, merchandise	516 38
Gravel and incidentals	233 64
Culverts	321 24
Lumber	84 80
Freight, express and tolls	574 98
Steam shovel	1242 59
Electric power	111 73
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	\$17995 27

Of the above items, \$6835.19 for flood damage, viz:

Labor	\$3354 63
Shovel	1242 59
Teams	718 63
Trucks	577 24
Gravel and tolls	399 90
Use of Village trucks and teams	542 20
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	\$6835 19

Expense on "Dent Road," as per special vote at Town meeting, amounts to \$1680.27.

The sum of these two items, \$8515.46, deducted from total highway expense, shows the amount of \$9479.81.

This figure indicates expenditures for general highway purposes of \$1078.27 in excess of similar amount expended for previous year.

HIGHWAY RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1927	\$ 1268 63
State Treasurer, patrol	4348 87
Gasoline and gravel	461 66
One-quarter highway (Village)	3810 85
Miscellaneous	69
Poll taxes	363 33
Property taxes	8212 18
Collector	155 18
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	\$18621 39
Appropriation	4000 00
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	\$22621 39
Overdraft to be covered by State funds	6002 68
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	\$28624 07

HIGHWAY RECAPITULATION

General highway orders drawn	\$17995 27	
Patrol orders drawn	4631 15	
Town road orders drawn	6014 43	
Total orders paid		\$28624 07
Less 1926 orders paid		59 95
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		\$28564 12
1927 orders outstanding Feb. 1, 1928		76 28
1926 orders outstanding Feb. 1, 1928		45
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	\$28640 85	\$28640 85

STATE PATROL

Truck drivers	\$ 483 68
Tractor drivers	1277 55
Team drivers	3 89
Regular patrol labor	1332 69
Other labor	1063 41
Tolls and power	114 44
Use of Village trucks and teams	355 49
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	\$4631 15
State claims, \$7078.87.	

STATE RESURFACING

Truck drivers	\$ 199 05
Other labor	331 50
Use of Village trucks and teams	170 23
Power at pit	26 10
Tarvia	1109 25
Tolls and switching charge	57 40
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	\$1893 53
State claims, \$2275.65.	

STATE UNSELECTED

Truck drivers	\$ 448 24
Other labor	1321 97
Gravel and tolls	131 90
Culverts	321 05
Use of Village trucks and teams	406 50
Dynamite	29 00
Electric power	11 56
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	\$2670 22
State claims, \$3339.87.	

STATE AID AND 5%

Truck drivers	\$ 368 05
Other labor	1407 37
Use of Village trucks and teams	319 46
Tolls and gravel	107 85
Culverts	189 34
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	\$2392 07
State claims, \$2929.07.	

STATE SNOW REMOVAL

Tractor driver	\$18 89
Other labor	34 40
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	\$53 29
State claims, \$196.00.	

STATE RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1927	\$1019 44
Maintenance fund	1517 10
Highway and permanent work	1008 31
Unselected highways	2724 56
State highway	1054 10
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	\$7323 51
Total orders drawn	\$7009 11
1927 orders outstanding	7 51
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	\$7001 60
Balance available for 1928	\$ 321 91

TOWN ROAD DISBURSEMENTS

Labor	\$5032 24
Gasoline	187 95
Gravel	7 70
Use of Village trucks and teams	770 14
Toll charges	16 40
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	\$6014 43

WINTER ROAD DISBURSEMENTS

Labor, trucks and teams	\$ 980 62
Gasoline	204 70
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	\$1185 32

BRIDGE DISBURSEMENTS

Labor	\$1805 59
Use of Village trucks and teams	27 51
Freight, express and materials	108 19
Lumber and posts	1166 86
Asphalt work	246 77
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	\$3354 92

Of the above total, \$1472.66 was expended for flood damage.

CEMETERY DISBURSEMENTS

Labor	\$2848 49
Services of secretary	100 00
Loam, phosphate, etc.	192 59
Use of trucks and teams, water rentals	17 09
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	\$3158 17

FLOOD

Nov 3-4, 1927

Cost of temporary repairs to Highways to Dec. 31st



Situation	Yards of Fill	Cost
Goulds Mills	2,035	\$1797 70
Seavers Brook	1,748½	1128 50
Miscellaneous roads	646	1072 69
North Springfield road (at covered bridge)	727½	545 16
Fairground road	861	462 19
Mill Street, North Springfield	805	445 70
West Shore Drive (Dent road)	737½	443 63
Connecticut River road	703½	560 43
	<hr/> 8264	<hr/> \$6456 00
Use of town equipment and included in State claims		\$ 972 56
Total cost of temporary repairs, as of above date		<hr/> \$7428 56

CEMETERY RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1927		\$ 408 69
Sale of lots		140 00
Care of lots		592 75
Grass sold		25 00
Special work		258 47
Trustee of Public Funds		555 44
Interest on Cemetery Funds		199 00
Interest on endowment funds in Springfield Savings Bank		394 93
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		\$2574 28
Town appropriation		800 00
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		\$3374 28
1927 orders drawn	\$3158 17	
1927 orders outstanding	7 39	
	<hr/>	\$3150 78
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Balance available for 1928		\$ 223 50

The treasurer has received, 1927-1928, for perpetual care, amounts as indicated below, these funds being covered by Springfield Savings Bank books.

1927

Apr. 2	Edith C. Whitcomb, care of Myron C. Whitcomb lot, Summer Hill Cemetery	\$100 00
22	Ina Vie Carrigan, care of Timothy Lockwood lot, Pine Grove Cemetery	50 00
22	Ina Vie Carrigan, care of Benoni Lockwood lot, Pine Grove Cemetery	100 00
June 1	T. T. and C. R. Ranney, care of T. T. and C. R. Ranney lot, Summer Hill Cemetery	50 00
1	Ella Ferrin Estate, care of Ella Ferrin lot, Oakland Cemetery	100 00
Aug. 4	Emaline J. Gibson, care of Lucius and Harriet Trombly lot, Summer Hill Cemetery	50 00
Sept. 27	George O. Weeden and Flora Sherwin, care of John Oscar Weeden lot, Pine Grove cemetery	100 00

Oct.	7	Ella Perry and Estate of Herbert Perry, care of Jarvis and Sarah B. Perry lot, Summer Hill Cemetery	50 00
	28	Abbie J. Allen Estate, care of Robert Clark Allen lot, Pine Grove cemetery	50 00
	28	Abbie J. Allen Estate, care of Lyman C. Lockwood lot, Pine Grove Cemetery	50 00
Nov.	10	William H. Dartt, care of Justus Dartt lot, Summer Hill Cemetery	100 00
1928			
Jan.	9	Minnie Long Estate, care of Minnie Long lot, Summer Hill Cemetery	50 00
	9	Jennie T. Barney, care of Franklin and Nancy Ann Barney lot, Summer Hill Cemetery	100 00
	25	Marion G. Dodge, care of Samuel Rollins lot, Summer Hill Cemetery	50 00
Feb.	16	Harriet E. Bates, care of Phineas Bates lot, Summer Hill Cemetery	50 00
	20	Amos D. and Marion Heald Estate, care of M. A. Stowell lot, Pine Grove Cemetery	50 00

OUTSIDE POOR DISBURSEMENTS

Meat and groceries	\$1427 28
Milk	288 51
Fuel	641 20
Rent	720 50
Clothing	95 15
Footwear and repairs	146 30
Board and care	363 00
Brattleboro Retreat	421 43
Medical care and hospital	1027 00
Burials	302 89
Miscellaneous, committment fees and merchandise	222 57
Settlement of Brown real estate	142 07
Mothers aid (Dept. Public Welfare)	320 96
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	\$6118 86

FARM POOR DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of superintendent	\$1299 96
Other labor	724 44
Blacksmith	71 45
Barn, stable supplies, hardware and engine parts	747 45
Clothing for inmates	9 00
Gasoline and oil	94 49
Medical care and supplies	12 30
Dry goods, footwear	15 37
Lime, fertilizer, seed and insecticide	471 52
Grain and cow feed	1196 96
Veterinary and cow tests	61 90
Household labor and expenses	368 50
Insurance, telephone and freight	121 22
Livestock	81 00
Meat and groceries	531 24
Miscellaneous	66 52
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	\$5873 32

POOR RECEIPTS

Milk	\$2307 62
Beef	207 40
Poultry and eggs	17 77
Turkeys	213 24
Potatoes	471 34
Wood	7 50
Cow and calves	140 65
Hogs	94 72
Hay and grain	34 33
Sacks	17 27
Labor	20 94
Bellows Falls Co-operative Creamery, Inc., dividend	6 25
Eastern States Exchange, rebate and dividend	22 70
Miscellaneous	78 98
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	\$3640 71
Harriet F. Wilson Trust Fund	8102 75
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	\$11743 46
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1927 to cover outstanding orders	\$423 55
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	\$12167 01

RECAPITULATION

Total receipts Poor Department	\$12167 01
Due from Wilson Trust Fund, (Jan. 4 to Feb. 1, 1928)	446 56
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	\$12613 57
Total orders drawn	\$11992 18
Balance forward Feb. 1, 1927, to cover outstanding orders	423 55
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	\$12415 73
1926 and 1927 orders outstanding	71 14
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Total expense Poor Department	\$12344 59
Transfer to Selectmen's account	268 98
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	\$12613 57

FARM INVENTORY

1 pair grey horses	\$ 250 00
1 bay horse	50 00
1 Guernsey bull	100 00
2 registered Guernsey cows	200 00
9 grade Guernsey cows	900 00
2 grade Guernsey cows	150 00
2 grade Holstein cows	200 00
5 grade Guernsey heifers (2 years old)	300 00
3 grade Guernsey heifers (yearlings)	105 00
2 grade Guernsey calves	30 00
7 turkeys	42 00
16 hens	20 00
2 sows	65 00
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	\$2412 00

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF TAXES, 1927

Total tax assessed in town for 1927:

Property	\$204,449 29
Polls	8,117 02
Intangible Group 1	9,708 00
Intangible Group 2	3,967 70

\$226,242 01

Abatements

346 00

\$225,896 01

Unpaid taxes turned over to collector:

Property	\$3,114 88
Polls	467 14
	<hr/> 3,582 02

\$222,313 99

Discount 4%

8,105 36

Total net tax

\$214,208 63

	Unpaid	Collected	Abated	Due
1927	\$3582 02	\$1052 25	\$346 00	\$2183 77
1926	1879 45	640 28	25 52	1213 65
1925	747 35	155 46	17 34	574 55
1924	1317 53	367 96		949 57
1923	384 54	7 56		376 98
1922	529 25	2 84		526 41
				<hr/> \$5824 93

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Town and Schools

Assets

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1928	\$ 10,861 94
Unpaid taxes	5,824 93
Unpaid land rent	10 73
Net indebtedness of town	119,451 47
	\$136,149 07

Liabilities

Interest (accrued) Bonds	\$ 1,125 00
Outstanding orders	774 07
Notes	24,750 00
School bonds	25,500 00
Town refunding bonds	84,000 00
	\$136,149 07

Indebtedness of town, 1927	\$128,767 34
Indebtedness of town, 1928	119,451 47
	\$ 9,315 87

Consideration should be given a \$10,000.00 note included in the \$24,750.00 note item shown above. This was a flood emergency loan of Dec. 24th and fully \$9500.00 of this amount will be refunded to us by the State, covering flood claim to Feb. 1st. We can, therefore, conscientiously add this amount (\$9500.00) to decrease of Town debt—figures would then appear \$18,815.87.

TOWN GRAND LIST

Year Ending Feb. 1, 1928

General Grand List, subject to a tax of \$2.58½	\$88,093 40
Intangible Group 1, subject to a tax of 40c	24,270 02
Intangible Group 2, subject to a tax of \$2.00	1,983 85

TAX RATE PER THOUSAND ASSESSED VALUATION, 1927

School	\$13 20
Town Roads	70
General Highway	2 00
State	2 25
General purpose town	7 70
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	\$25 85

We believe the above form of quoting tax rates gives one a far clearer idea of the distribution of all tax money than the usual form of naming rates in their relation to Grand List. The general purpose town tax of \$7.70 last year, further benefited by its pro rata share of intangible revenue amounting to \$3,666.95, financed hospital, library and all other minor appropriations, maintenance of old and purchase of new equipment, salaries, supplies, all administration expense, bridges, cemetery, winter road work and because of two special appropriations, this tax actually furnished funds for highway work to the amount of \$4000.00. In the last analysis, this tax provided funds for the operation of every town activity, with the exception of Highways and School.

Examination of previous years shows that the increase in our Grand List for seven years, 1914 to 1920 inclusive, was \$34,936.24; the last seven years, 1921 to 1927 inclusive, \$8,103.53.

A few towns and individuals about the State are inclined to attribute much of Springfield's progress, during the past seven years, to an increase in valuation. It is in answer to this accusation that we publish these figures. We must acknowledge that at no time, during the earlier period, was there any improvement in town affairs, at the same time admitting that it is but natural that we have, during the past few years, reaped considerable benefit from increase in valuation from 1914 to 1920.

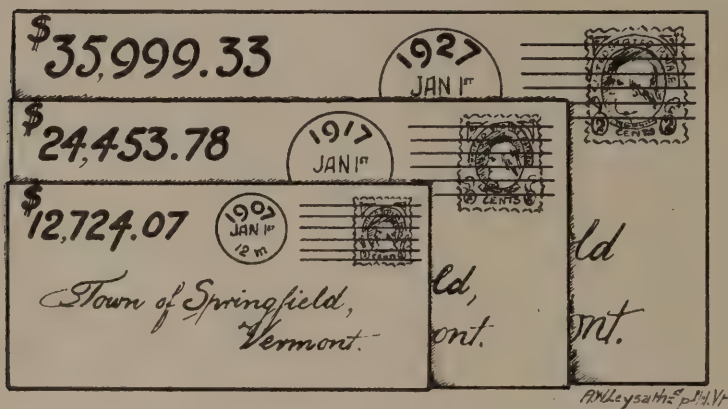
OUTSTANDING TOWN ORDERS

14045	Fred Anderson	\$ 9 58
14883	John Levanowich	6 00
16288	M. E. Hicks	45
16782	John L. Johnson	5 38
19299	James O'Brien	5 83
19615	Ralph Snide	42
19627	Dr. H. B. Denman	37 50
19650	Frank C. Blake	16 89
19744	M. E. Hicks	4 20
19747	Joe Camel	90
19750	Chas. Leet	1 20
19772	Victor Borgna	3 75
19782	Hubert I. Lovell	10 11
19796	Mrs. Addie Ellison	1 80
19800	Fred Whitcomb	6 00
19854	Corliss Hardware Co.	22
19885	Ervin Olney	1 56
19890	Clifford Taft	27 50
19893	J. L. Johnson	100 00
19896	Dr. H. B. Denman	20 87
19928	Harland Harris	31 82
19936	Clifford Taft	23 61
19940	Kenet & Blumenfeld	2 22
19944	Guy Bailey, comptroller	200 00
19945	Mahala Dyer	2 00
19951	Wosil Kolido	6 20
19954	Ignacy Woetiekwicz	11 00
19958	G. E. Morse	1 70
19960	Geo. Dartt	4 50
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		\$543 21

Growth of Springfield's

POSTAL RECEIPTS

For twenty year period.



INTEREST RATES PAID FOR PAST FIVE YEARS

To finance a large portion of her business, in anticipation of tax revenue, Springfield has purchased money in "open market" at the following average rates of interest:

Year	Rate %
1923	4.49
1924	4.45
1925	3.38
1926	3.94
1927	3.71

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Treasurer's Statement of School Finances

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Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1927	\$ 6,492 32	
Tuition	3,248 03	
Land rent	105 83	
State Treasurer	6,470 67	
Co-operative course	3,247 86	
Miscellaneous	757 44	
Tax collector	1,170 16	
Poll taxes	3,980 28	
Property taxes and intangible revenue	111,458 10	
Gaylord fund	58 75	
First National Bank, interest	78 06	
Town of Springfield, interest	36 67	
Jake Smith fund	44 61	
Temporary loans	76,000 00	
Paid on notes		\$ 76,000 00
Paid on bonds		8,500 00
Paid on other than notes and bonds		123,956 54
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1928		4,692 24
	\$213,148 78	\$213,148 78

Temporary loans of \$76,000.00 plus cash on hand \$4,692.24, deducted from total footings shows net cost of school, \$132,456.54.

NOTES AND BONDS DISBURSEMENTS

First National Bank, school bonds	\$ 8500 00
Fellows Gear Shaper Company, temporary loan	25000 00
Town of Springfield, temporary loans	40000 00
Springfield Village, temporary loans	11000 00
	\$84500 00

INTEREST DISBURSEMENTS

First National Bank, school bonds	\$1700 00
Fellows Gear Shaper Company, temporary loan	194 44
Town of Springfield, temporary loans	828 67
Springfield Village, temporary loans	46 67
	\$2769 78

Total interest charges on temporary borrowings for School Department, less interest earned on savings accounts and loans to Town and Village, shows net expense of \$955.05.

Salaries Disbursements

Directors	\$ 300 00
Superintendent	3550 00
Supervisors:	
Penmanship	\$1500 00
Music	1600 00
Drawing	1382 00
Physical training	939 00
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	5421 00
School nurse	1546 00
High School teachers	34817 43
Grade teachers	34218 03
High School transportation	3155 11
Grade transportation	8287 69
Text books for all departments, including freight and express	3264 46
Furniture and fixtures	1022 71
Insurance	1931 41

Janitor Disbursements

High school building	\$2022 75
Central school	1080 00
Summer Street school	1200 00
Furnace Street school	826 32
North Springfield school	381 45
West Springfield school	44 00
Connecticut River school	24 50
Pleasant Valley school	24 48
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	\$5603 50

Repairs Disbursements

Labor	\$ 771 42
Plumbing and heating repairs	1213 65
Electric wiring and equipment	942 71
Hardware, tools, paint, etc.	689 17
Freight, express and team work	18 58
Lumber, glass, etc.	750 98
Clock, typewriter and other miscellaneous repairs	72 31
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	\$4458 82

Installing two new domestic science rooms in basement of high school building accounts for increased expense in this department.

Water, Fuel and Lights Disbursements

Labor	\$ 298 07
Coal	1212 94
Freight on coal	2360 38
Wood	57 00
Gas	102 21
Electric lights	416 65
Water	246 05
Use of Town and Village trucks and teams	164 30
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	\$4857 60

Deducting \$356.07 for coal supplied to Fire Department and Town Hall, which credits are included in school receipts, the net cost of this department for the past year has been \$4501.53.

Supplies and Sundries Disbursements

Use of Community House gym.	\$ 500 00
Tuition	40 00
Board of pupils	90 00
Taking school census	90 60
State Co-operative superintendent	750 00
Office assistant at High School	962 00
Truancy and police work	34 70
Taxi service	100 79
Commencement address	25 00
Laboratory supplies	243 53
Drafting room supplies	318 39
Household economic supplies	289 30
Freight and express	69 78
Telephone service	192 70
Typewriters and supplies	242 92
Maps and school paper	779 09
Floor oil and cleaner	100 01
Towels	176 70
Lumber and supplies for Manual Training classes	216 79
Hardware	314 13
Superintendent's expenses and cost of lettering diplomas	39 87
Labor	20 67
School nurse, supplies	116 65

Pens, erasers, rulers, inkwells and crayons	351 87
Miscellaneous supplies	503 39
Music, piano and cover	305 20
Printer's bills	121 53
Night school	100 00
Tax refund	254 00
Pencils	151 97
Plane and saw outfit with motor	200 00
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	\$7701 58

RECAPITULATION

School Account

Notes and bonds	\$ 84,500 00
Interest	2,769 78
Directors	300 00
Superintendent	3,550 00
Supervisors	5,421 00
High school teachers	34,817 43
Grade teachers	34,218 03
Medical inspection	1,546 00
High school transportation	3,155 11
Grade transportation	8,287 69
Janitors	5,603 50
Insurance	1,931 41
Text books	3,264 46
Furniture and fixtures	1,022 71
Supplies and sundries	7,701 58
Repairs	4,458 82
Water, fuel and lights	4,857 60
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Total orders drawn	\$207,405 12
Outstanding orders	230 86
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	\$207,174 26
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Treasurer has paid	\$208,456 54
1926 orders paid	1,281 98
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	\$207,174 56
1923 order outstanding	30
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	\$207,174 26

Outstanding School Orders, Feb. 1, 1928

13854	Florence Weeks	\$ 52 00
13873	E. F. Russell	50 00
13959	Stella K. Putnam	55 26
13972	Iva Jenks	44 00
13978	Bessie Hughes	4 00
13980	Joseph Wright	10 80
13988	L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	5 78
13989	Hemenway Electric Corp.	3 92
13997	Milton C. Baker	4 80
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		\$230 56

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Directors and Citizens of Springfield:

Herewith is submitted for your consideration my third annual report as superintendent of schools.

The past year has been a year of quiet and successful work on the part of teachers and pupils. We have been fortunate in having, on the whole, little sickness and consequent loss of time. The vacancies occurring at the close of the school year in June were successfully filled, and the new teachers have entered heartily into the spirit of our work.

The principal changes during the past year have been as follows: The Home Economics Department was moved from the third floor of the High School to the basement on the east side of the building; two large rooms were provided for the purpose, which have proved to be very satisfactory; the Co-operative Class was moved to the large room on the third floor formerly used for the Home Economics classes; and the former Co-operative room was used as a home room for the High School, as it was found necessary to put a grade into the High School building on the first floor, and a room had to be given up for this purpose; the Connecticut River School was closed and the pupils transported to the village; and the Pleasant Valley School, which had been closed for three years, was reopened for a school of ten pupils, several of them very young, who could not be transported without inconvenience and hardship. In all these cases the change seems to have been for the better. In the High School two rooms were gained by moving the Home Economics classes to the basement, but these rooms were immediately taken for the extra grade and home room referred to above.

So many agencies closely related to our schools are of vital assistance in our work that much space might well be given to these. Reference to them was made in the last two reports, and it should be said that the aid which these agencies are giving is a great factor in maintaining the growth and efficiency of the schools. I refer to such organizations as the Community House, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Springfield Public Library, the High School Alumni Athletic Association, etc. It is an axiom in public school administration that the success of the schools in any community bears a very close relation to the interest and activity shown by such organizations as these. At the very front I would put the Community House, which is doing for our young people a remarkable piece of work

in the wholesome employment of the energies of our boys and girls in worth while sports and other activities, and in the up-building of character through natural and helpful contacts with one another. Our Community House should have the cordial support of every citizen who desires to help our boys and girls. I know of no way in which our older citizens can help so much the generation that will in a few years take their place as by membership in the Community House. Their membership fees are a rich investment in health and character building.

One of the most significant things in the history of our schools this past year is the remarkable record of our Junior High School Orchestra in the New England Music Festival last May. In competition with many fine junior high schools, several of them in the vicinity of Boston, our orchestra received first prize. In my opinion this is the outstanding achievement of the past year, and has done more to make the schools of Springfield better known than any other one thing. This speaks in no uncertain tone as to the quality of the instruction in music in the Springfield schools.

Our Co-operative Course is having another successful year, and is keeping up the number reached last year, which was very large. We have been able to place in the shops the boys who were fitted for the work, and are fortunate in having such splendid co-operation from the manufacturers in our town. Such courses as these deserve the support of every community that can maintain them, as they meet a very definite need and serve a very definite purpose.

The two previous annual reports called attention to the growing enrollment of pupils and the increasing need of more teachers and class rooms. This year we have reached a total of 1587, distributed as follows: Senior High School, 361; Junior High School, 232; Grades 1-6, 994. With the exception of our first grades, which are smaller than a year ago, there has been an increase at almost every point. We have an increase of 68 this year, of 73 last year, and of 114, including a Training Class of about 12, the year before. This is an average of 85 per year for the past three years. This means two class rooms a year and two additional teachers. For the last three years we have endeavored to utilize every inch of space, and have opened five extra class rooms besides the small room used at the South School for small groups of children under a special teacher. It would be interesting to tell in detail how these increasing numbers have been provided for in the past three years, but space

does not permit this. It is not too much to say that the school authorities have had much difficulty in finding extra class rooms as they have faced the opening of the schools each fall.

Up to the present time my attitude has been conservative, as I have felt that we should use all the possible space we had before embarking upon any building project. Now, with not a single additional room in sight, with an average increase of 85 pupils a year for the last three years, with the necessity of an extra sixth grade next fall and of an additional teacher for the High School, one conclusion is inevitable: we must have more class rooms.

We have come to the limit of space in our present buildings. The grades have overrun their buildings, and we have had to place one of the grade classes in the High School, although the latter was already full. In fact, it is not too much to say that it will be extremely difficult next fall to find quarters and seats for all the children that will enter our school doors. At the present time I do not know where I can place the extra grade that will be necessary this fall, unless we take still another room in the High School building. As the High School is overcrowded, and will probably be somewhat larger next year, I fear this will be impossible. Unless we immediately find some way out, we must do one of these things: Increase some of our grades to about 50 pupils, form some mixed grades, that is, have two grades in a room under one teacher, or put some of our pupils on part time.

After long and careful consideration, I would propose the following as the most desirable plan: An addition to the rear of the present High School building to contain not less than twelve class rooms. Such an addition would meet the needs of both High School and grades for extra space, would provide on the first floor or in basement laboratories for our classes in Physics and Chemistry who are now working under very unfavorable conditions in small rooms on the third floor and with antiquated laboratory furniture, and would take care of the increase in grades and High School for some years to come. In such an addition the extra classes now in the South and East schools would find a place, where they would have better accommodations, and in many cases would find it easier to reach their class rooms twice a day. About half of our total grade pupils naturally belong, so far as location goes, to the Central school plant. There should be two class rooms of each grade from the first to the sixth inclusive in this part of the town.

If the voters and taxpayers should approve of such a plan as this, and if the plan should be pushed with all possible energy, we would probably be able to provide the additional room we need within less time than a year after such a vote was taken. Since about a year is necessary for new construction, and since we are now at the limit of our space, it is evident that no time should be lost in considering in a special school meeting how we may meet the conditions which confront us.

In my first and second reports recommendations were made as to improving the instruction in our schools, and objectives were set forth. Last year some information was given concerning the progress made. Referring to my last report, I would like to say what we have been able to do concerning the objectives for this present year. While our fiscal year ends February 1, our legal school year ends June 30, and our plans as to instruction are based on the legal school year. Our objectives set forth last year were:

1. The extension of the Beacon Method of Reading, with the introduction of readers of the study type, with emphasis on silent reading and thought getting.

The Beacon Readers have been extended into the second grade, and the Horn Learn to Study Readers, which were used in the first grade last year are to be placed in the hands of the children of the second grade in a few days, while more material is being purchased for silent reading. The Beacon System is giving excellent satisfaction in our schools.

2. A more complete provision for the use of health books in the grades.

We plan to add to the series adopted last year, and ultimately to have all four books of the series in use in grades 3-6.

3. More emphasis on Vermont History and Geography.

In general this is being carried out. The Conant's Vermont and Vermont Historical Reader bought previous to the last report have proved of great service, while since that report, six fine maps of Vermont and New Hampshire have been purchased for use in the grades and Junior High School.

4. More encyclopedias to be purchased for North Springfield and the High School.

We have recently purchased for the High School the Second Edition of the New International Encyclopedia in 25 volumes, and for the North Springfield School the 1927 edition of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia. We now have an up-to-date encyclopedia in

each graded school and a new International in the High School to take the place of the International which was written just before the World War.

5. A set of Physiological Charts for the High School.

On account of the pressing needs in the Physics and Chemistry Departments, we have waited, thinking that the money necessary for such charts would be used to better advantage in these departments for apparatus which we much desire.

6. Small dictionaries for pupils in grades 5 and 6.

More small dictionaries have been purchased, and we are now not far from the time when we hope to have all children in these grades supplied with copies for each desk.

7. A testing program for achievement and diagnosis.

As yet little has been actually accomplished. Before the end of the present school year it is planned to do much testing in Spelling and Reading, and to extend the testing program to other subjects next year.

8. A better organization and co-ordination of the work in Geography in grades 3-6.

Through special books in Geography for the third grade teachers and supplementary reading books, progress has been made. There is still much to be done.

The next year should see a further carrying out of these objectives. Our greatest aim, however, should be to improve actual class room instruction, and to this aim both teachers and superintendent will endeavor to give the best they have.

The problems of your superintendent are many. He is your public servant, and he is endeavoring to solve these problems the best he can with the welfare of every boy and girl in view. Our boys and girls are the hope of the future. Let us give them the best we have, and ask them to give us in turn the best they have. But we must be the first to give. Let us not fail in this duty.

Again I wish to thank all who have contributed to the success of our schools this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST G. HAM,

Superintendent.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

In Account with the Town of Springfield

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By cash, interest paid by Town of Springfield on Campbell fund, loan \$5000.00, Jan. 1, 1927, to Jan. 1, 1928	\$ 250 00
By cash, interest, paid by Town of Springfield on Library and Cemetery trust funds, loaned at 4½%, Jan. 1, 1927, to Jan. 1, 1928	162 00
By cash, Springfield Savings Bank, dividends on deposit, Cemetery funds	483 44
By cash, interest on Amasa Woolson fund	166 50
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	\$1061 94

Dr.

To cash, paid to Springfield Library, interest on Dana fund, \$2000 @ 4½%, Jan. 1, 1927, to Jan. 1, 1928	\$ 90 00
To cash, paid Trustees of Campbell fund, interest on \$5000 @ 5%, Jan. 1, 1927, to Jan. 1, 1928	250 00
To cash, paid Trustees of Woolson fund, interest on fund	166 50
To cash, paid Cemetery Commissioners, interest on Cemetery fund to Jan. 1, 1928	555 44
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	\$1061 94

These funds are invested as follows:

Campbell fund to Town of Springfield	\$ 5000 00
Dana Library fund to Town of Springfield	2000 00
Part of Cemetery funds to Town of Springfield	1600 00
Balance of Cemetery funds deposited in Springfield Savings Bank	10,743 00
Amasa Woolson fund, invested in bonds	\$3075 00
Deposited in Springfield Savings Bank	37 42
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	\$22,455 42

Francis F. Parker Fund

Amount of income on hand, Feb. 1, 1927	\$1093 18
Total income, or interest, from fund	4618 31
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Total income to Feb. 1, 1928	\$5711 49

Aid to old or poor people, not town paupers, who have not been brought to poverty by their own bad habits, and who have acquired a legal settlement in Springfield, or aid to crippled poor children	3791 42
Balance of income on hand Feb. 1, 1928	\$1920 07
Amount of fund, as established by trustees according to provisions of will	\$82180 23
Additions to fund by exchanging bonds	960 00
Total amount of fund	\$83140 23

E. J. FULLAM
M. E. STEARNS
H. H. BLANCHARD

Trustees of Public Funds.

Campbell—Woolson Fund

1927		
Feb. 1	Balance on hand	\$ 850 27
1928		
Feb. 1	Interest received on Campbell fund	250 00
Feb. 1	Interest received on Woolson fund	166 50
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		\$1266 79
	72 orders given and paid	630 59
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Feb. 1	Balance on hand	\$ 636 18
	Principal of Campbell fund	\$5000 00
	Principal of Woolson fund	2974 65
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		\$7974 65

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE M. FELLOWS
ARTHUR D. BAKER
H. E. LAWTON

Trustees

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

During the past year much time was spent in Health Office work. The department covers a large territory and it seems impossible to do all that should be done in part time work. There were 160 fewer cases quarantined in 1927 than in 1926.

Scarlet fever	22
Measles	96
Mumps	7
Whooping cough	24
Diphtheria	6
Infantile paralysis	0
Revisits	125
Milk examinations	50
Miscellaneous	150

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE BUTTERFIELD

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

In accordance with Sec. 4010, Vermont statutes, as amended in 1925, we have audited the books of accounts of the Town officers for the year ending Feb. 1, 1928, and we believe this report as presented to be an accurate statement of the affairs of the Town of Springfield.

EDWARD H. KENDALL
W. A. FULLER
F. P. DASHNER

Auditors

TOWN LIBRARY STATEMENT

February 1, 1928

Receipts

By cash in Treasurer's hands February 1, 1927	\$ 772 35
By cash received from:	
Town of Springfield, appropriation	5000 00
Interest on deposit in Savings account	95 08
Interest on Brown fund	86 44
Interest on Chase fund	45 49
Interest on Dana fund	90 00
Loan of duplicate fiction	228 10
Fines, dues, etc.	456 40
Books, etc.	26 38
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	\$6800 24

Expenditures

To cash paid for books:	
From Brown fund	\$ 86 44
From Chase fund	45 49
From Dana fund	90 00
From duplicate pay	228 10
From general fund	1246 49
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	\$1696 52
Magazines and papers	171 05
Librarian and assistants	2705 03
Care and transportation of North Springfield books	100 00
Supplies and equipment	197 47
Binding books and magazines	69 30
Janitor	240 00
Fuel	287 77
Lighting	164 94
Insurance	327 05
Express, freight, postage, miscellaneous	106 05
By cash on hand	735 06
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	\$6800 24

H. H. BLANCHARD, Treasurer

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Springfield Town Library and to the Public:

Following is the work of the library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1928:

Books on free shelves		12968
Books purchased	744	
Gifts	105	
Transferred from pay collection	99	
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Total books acquired		978
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		13946
Books discarded	870	
Lost and paid for	2	
Contagion	34	
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Total books discarded		906
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		13040
Books sent to Johnson, Vt.		16
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Books on free shelves Feb. 1, 1928		13024

Pay Collection of Fiction

Books in pay collection Feb. 1, 1927	144	
Purchased during the year	103	
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Pay books discarded	10	
Removed to free shelves	99	
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Books in pay collection Feb. 1, 1928		138

Circulation

Adult non-fiction	6831	
Adult fiction	36434	
Pay collection	4627	
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Total adult books circulated		47892

Juvenile non-fiction	14197
Juvenile fiction	18356
Total juvenile books circulated	32553
Total books circulated	80445
Pictures circulated	4498
Number of active borrowers	2920
Library open 302 days.	
Average circulation per day 266 books and 11 pictures.	
Books mended at the library	6120
Books sent away for rebinding	253
Books circulated at North Springfield	3118

Our circulation figures show an increase of 8694 over last year and 6950 over any previous year.

The demand for books has been so great for several years that our collection has been very inadequate.

We have discarded a great many books this year and many more should be discarded in order to keep our collection in good condition. Libraries in general having a circulation as large as ours have twice as many books.

The new addition is progressing rapidly, and more room, books and another assistant should insure better service to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS M. DYER

SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL REPORT

Balance Sheet As of January 31, 1928

Assets

Hospital building	\$178,903 45	
Furnishings and equipment	27,791 78	
Wood lot	40 00	
Memorial Endowment fund	13,235 53	
Mary E. Barnard fund	10,000 00	
Accounts receivable	5,625 29	
Cash in bank	364 83	
Cash at hospital	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$236,010 88

Liabilities

Notes payable	\$ 15,500 00	
Accounts payable	3,912 49	
Bonds	60,000 00	
Net worth	156,598 39	
	<hr/>	\$236,010 88

Operating Statement, Feb. 1, 1927, to Jan. 31, 1928

Income

Services rendered patients	\$19,282 76	
Interest from Endowment fund	557 57	
Interest from Mary Barnard fund	596 67	
From Wilson fund	1,000 00	
From Town of Springfield	8,000 00	
Contributions from manufacturers, townspeople and organizations	4,401 45	
	<hr/>	\$ 33,838 45

Expenses

Payroll: Superintendent, nurses, etc.	\$18,915 40	
Maintenance: Coal, food, drugs, surgical supplies, etc.	10,591 97	
Repairs	1,085 66	
Interest on bonds	3,630 00	
Interest on loans	565 01	
	<hr/>	\$ 34,788 04
Net loss from operation for year		<hr/> \$ 949 59

C. H. WINKLER,
Treasurer

I have audited the books of the Springfield hospital for the year ending January 31, 1928. I find that the above statements are in accordance with the hospital books and I believe that they truly reflect the condition of the hospital for the period covered.

F. R. ADAMS, Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS

Date	Name of Child	Births		Sex	Name of Father	Mother's Maiden Name	Parents' Residence
Jan. 7	Dorothy Arlene Digby	F	James E. Digby		Madaline A. Pierce	Town	Town
8	Richard Leland Foster	M	Leon R. Foster		Edith L. Foster	Glenbrook, Ct.	Glenbrook, Ct.
11	Janis Marion Blake	F	Fred C. Blake		Gladys H. Bryant	No Springfield	No Springfield
12	Janet Lancaster Walker	F	Willard B. Walker		Ruth E. Small	Town	Town
13	Robert Arsene Blair	M	Arsene J. Blair		Edna Giguere	Town	Town
15	Wanda Dorothy Yaroshivich	F	Joe Yaroshivich		Wanda Chemch	Town	Town
22	Howard Raymond Farnsworth	M	Earl B. Farnsworth		Wilma Willard	Town	Town
27	Shirley Carolyn Nelson	F	George D. Nelson		Lula Purdy	Town	Town
27	Warren Eldridge Burke	M	Sidney P. Burke		Beatrice E. Putnam	Town	Town
Feb. 8	Mike Kazak	M	Joe Kazak		Antonia Rutcovski	Town	Town
8	Ralph Herbert Parker, Jr.	M	Ralph H. Parker		Eliza S. Drew	Town	Town
10	Leonard Warner Banister	M	Leigh A. Banister		Evelyn D. Warner	Town	Town
13	Walter Dubaniewicz	M	Joe Dubaniewicz		Stella Dyslawicz	Town	Town
14	Robert Malcom Gregg	M	Neal H. Gregg		Vernocia C. Partridge	Town	Town
23	Doreen Alta Smith	F	Harry S. Smith		Ada H. Williams	Town	Town
24	Robert Darrell Prouty	M	Robert A. Prouty		Marion M. Slade	Town	Town
26	Gilbert Dupont, Jr.	M	Gilbert Dupont		Helen L. Lussier	Town	Town
26	Jeannette Mary Cote	F	Walter A. Cote		Mary R. Sanborn	Town	Town
27	Roger Arvid Carlson	M	Arvid Alvin Carlson		Marie Louise Johnson	Town	Town
Mar. 6	Joyce Maguire	F	Charles E. Maguire		Ruth W. Pulsifer	Town	Town
16	Whitcomb baby	M	Wesley W. Whitcomb		Olive E. Douglas	Chester	Chester
16	Ruth Christine Stearns	F	Irl H. Stearns		Ruby Downing	Town	Town

Births

Date	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Mother's Maiden Name	Parents' Residence
16	Paul Fletcher Harris	M	Ernest J. Harris	Charlotte K. Moran	Proctorsville
22	Elsie Jean Barlow	F	Rollen B. Barlow	Ellen M. Way	Town
23	Yashinski baby	M	Tony Yashinski	Michalina Maroska	Town
31	Arlene Gladys Patton	F	Merton E. Patton	Gladys Niles	Town
Apr. 4	Shirley Mae Stewart	F	Clarence R. Stewart	A. Muriel Austin	No Springfield
14	Carolyn Susan Ballou	F	Paul Holton Ballou	Grace Fullerton Carpenter	Chester
15	John Paul Zawadzky	M	John Zawadzky	Anna K. Kisler	Town
16	Pauline Ila Preach	F	Adam Preach	Emma M. LeMay	Lisbon N H
17	Patricia Amy Wilkins	F	Lake Matthew Wilkins	Amy Eldora Strong	Chester
21	Sylvia Beatrice Ward	F	Bernard L. Ward	Gladys C. Spafford	No Springfield
21	Doris Marie Stevens	F	Arnold T. Stevens	Beatrice M. St. Clair	No Springfield
23	Dorothy May Farnsworth	F	Perley F. Farnsworth	Violet Camley	Town
23	Richard Putnam Hoyt	M	Perley L. Hoyt	Gladys L. Putnam	Town
26	Rodney Lewis Adams	M	John Q. Adams	Gladys Luce	Town
27	Robert Kenneth Westney	M	Irving J. Westney	Josephine E. Harness	Town
28	Lawrence Wilson Cheney	M	Lucius L. Cheney	Margaret Wilson	Town
May 1	Ellis Ray Lane	M	Fred A. Lane	Inez Bamford	Town
1	Ettis May Lane	F	Fred A. Lane	Inez Bamford	Town
2	Eleanor Mae Soucier	F	James J. Soucier	Victorine M. Bonneau	Town
2	Richard Bedell Steele	M	Clifford C. Steele	Marguerite A. Bedell	Town
5	Robert James Barlow	M	Leslie R. Barlow	Katherine M. Couchner	Town
6	Thomas Charles Merritt	M	Charles Henschel Merritt	Thelma Alice Balch	Andover
13	Priscilla Jane Davis	F	Karl William Davis	Marguerite L. Brown	Chester

Births				Parents'	
Date	Name of Child	Sex Name of Father	Mother's Maiden Name	Residence	
15	Amelia Mary Morando	F Alessandro Morando	Amie Elvade	Town	
16	Ruby Lorraine Sancewich	F Otton S. Sancewich	Beula M. Tatro	Town	
17	Douglas Roland Bailey	M Laurence C. Bailey	Jessie E. MacDonald	Town	
22	Robert Milton Baker	M Milton C. Baker	Gladys M. Chapman	Town	
27	Nina Woronick	F Sam Woronick	Pima Mashuck	Town	
June 3	Anne Winifred Brown	F Dennis Brown	Jennie Beenware	Town	
3	Francis Patrick Hogan	M Howard M. Hogan	Anna F. Broderick	Town	
6	Marjorie Elaine Turner	F Elroy Turner	Lola Leach	Town	
7	Marshall Howeth Dingman	M Almon W. Dingman	Irene Marshall	Perkinsville	
12	Bernard Raymond Viggue	M Clifton C. Viggue	Hazel Irene Brewer	Simonsville	
16	Arline Mabel Perry	F Alfred A. Perry	Ada L. Gragen	Town	
21	Frances Edith Lovell	F Hubert J. Lovell	Hazel A. Moore	Town	
21	Charlotte Edith Plumb	F Harold E. Plumb	Florence V. Bennington	Town	
29	Robert Marshall Morin	M George R. Morin	Mathilda G. Major	Town	
July 1	Gwendolyn Lorraine Farr	F Harry J. Farr	M. Abbie West	Town	
7	Alan Nathan Graves	M Nathan G. Graves	Rena S. Rice	Town	
7	Gertrude Elizabeth Parsons	F Richard E. Parsons	Hazel G. Thayer	Ludlow	
8	Elmer Arthur Lawrence	M Arthur S. Lawrence	Florence M. Perry	Town	
23	Sally Ann Norton	F Wendell Phillip Norton	Ellen Allan	Town	
24	Elizabeth Ruth St. Mary	F Ernest F. St. Mary	Ruth Morse	Town	
30	John Edward Arnesen	M Otto Harold Arnesen	Ida M. Richardson	Town	
30	Irene Addie Converse	F Jehial A. Converse	Addie V. Ward	Baltimore	
Aug. 1	Cynthia Jean Buswell	F Frank Everett Buswell	Bessie Olivia Johnson	Chester	

Births

Date	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Mother's Maiden Name	Parents' Residence
14	Margaret Clement Arms	F	Merton H. Arms	Marion Day	Town
15	Thelma Helen Lewis	F	Harold H. Lewis	Ruth Howe	Chester
21	Thelma May Spaulding	F	Lewis Spaulding	Katherine Knight	Town
22	Robert James Gross	M	Frank Gross	Olga C. Johnson	Town
Sept. 2	John Laurence Connell	M	Joseph Laurence Connell	Margaret P. Grant	Chester
5	Roland Eugene Clogston	M	Roland E. Clogston	Elizabeth Harris	Town
6	Shirley May Streeter	F	Floyd E. Streeter	Evelyn Miller	Town
10	Beulah Winifred Snide	F	George Snide	Hattie Marten	Town
16	Richard Edward Webb	M	Maynard Webb	Alice Green	Hanover N H
17	Donald Edwin Coolidge	M	Ralph E. Coolidge	Madeline R. Howard	Andover
17	Hazel Irene Gould	F	Henry H. Gould	Mabel Allen	Weathersfield
24	Barbara Ruth Snide	F	Luther W. Snide	Ethel Aiken	Town
26	Halba Suojanen	F	Waino Suojanen	Milmex Snojanen	Andover
30	Mary Rite Reed	F	Alfred Reed	Ethel Bersette	Burlington
Oct. 1	Edward Henry Stokes	M	Harold E. Stokes	Fern L. Patrell	Town
1	Ernest Harold Schoenfeld	M	Ernest Harold Schoenfeld	Mildred Day	Town
1	Eleanor Grace Clark	F	Lauren C. Clark	Charlotte Renaud	Town
3	Elizabeth Ann Skirce	F	Earl W. Skirce	Leone A. Archer	Town
3	William Robert Roberts, 3rd	M	Wm. Robert Roberts, Jr.	Elizabeth Martha Snyder	Town
11	Lena Ripchick	F	Henry Ripchick	Sofia Valui	Town
16	Priscilla Janet Gurney	F	John G. Gurney	Lillian McDonnell	Town
18	Eugene Childs Brooks	M	Eugene Childs Brooks	Dorothy Campbell	Town
23	Wilfred Basil Templeton	M	Basil O. Templeton	Blanch E. Hadwin	Town

Births				Parents'	
Date	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Mother's Maiden Name	Residence
27	Richard Abbott Hastings	M	Charles Abbott Hastings	Grace May Tripp	Town
28	Baby Whipple	F	Howard F. Whipple	Leonella E. Barton	Town
29	Anna Patricia Johnson	F	Joseph B. Johnson	Virginia F. Slack	Town
30	Helen May Clark	F	Fred M. Clark	Alma J. Leland	Town
Nov. 5	Victoria Mary Laszkevicz	F	Dominic Laskowicz	Mary Charewicz	Town
6	Leonarda Wladyslawa Ostrowski	F	Peter Ostrowski	Mary Klemczyk	Town
14	Ernest Herbert Dutton	M	Ernest P. Dutton	Zella M. Snide	Town
19	Eileen Elizabeth McCarthy	F	Walter J. McCarthy	Lena Harlow	Town
22	Gertrude Dorothy Harris	F	Harold R. Harris	Mildred Clogston	Town
23	Corinne Ann Menard	F	Theophile Menard	Angela Burns	Town
15	Phyllis Irean Parker	F	Edward P. Parker	Lillian J. Jeffery	Town
25	Virginia Rose Smith	F	Laurence J. Smith	Evelyn Herrick	Town
26	Ronald Herbert Cheever	M	Herbert Fred Cheever	Eva M. Fuller	Town
Dec. 2	Catherine May Bradley	F	Leonard Samuel Bradley	Aurelia Mary Dandenault	Town
14	Eleanor Louise Pierce	F	Edgar M. Pierce	Ella Sheldon	Chester
13	Marilla Ann Crandall	F	Erwin T. Crandall	Pamelia F. Johnson	Town
16	Ervand Bernek	M	Mike Bernek	Nade Kurach	Town
18	Ella Marion Stevens	F	Robert E. Stevens	Alvina R. Knight	Town
19	Elena Levanovich	F	Peter Levanovich	Barbara Stadwick	Town
22	Junior Percy Clark	M	Percy E. Clark	Mildred Gowing	Town
24	Barbara Mary Pelky	F	Alfred A. Pelky	Mildred M. Putnam	Town
27	Nadezda Kozak	F	Mike Kozak	Ustina Rutkowskev	Town
30	Janet Holmes	F	Everett Beeman Holmes	Hazel Katherine Arkley	Ludlow

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages

1926			
May	29	William Junior Bryant, Town	Frances Hazelton, Town
1927			
Feb.	10	Edward James Abbott, Woodstock	Bernice Mabel Aldrich, Town
	23	Edward Joseph Sheehan, Town	Mary Leusiena St. Cyr, Claremont, N. H.
Mar.	2	Elwood Wilcox Simonds, Town	Vera Elaine Willett, New York City
	20	Raymond Carl VanRenssaleor, Sheffield	Viola Rose Hoarle, Town
	27	Eli Boufford, Town	Lillian Asta Austin, Town
Apr.	23	Francis O. Coburn, Brattleboro	Elizabeth Mary Colston, Town
May	3	Alexander Stewart Campbell, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Merle Williams Baker, Town
	6	Frank C. Blake, Town	Florence Mabel Peters, Town
	21	Warren E. Fisher, Town	Lillian B. Smith, New York City
June	4	Gilbert F. Harris, Leominster, Mass.	Louisa Leonard, Town
	7	Ronald Francis Young, Town	Mary A. Laskevich, Town
	15	Edward Hermon Labonta, Town	Hilda Mariam Reid, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
	15	Herbert Fred Cheever, Town	Eva Mae Fuller, Town
	21	Oliver LaPlant, Town	Mattie Blodgett, Town
	21	Will Blodgett, Town	Josephine Fergueson, Rutland

Marriages

23	July	Everett Kimball Chase, Bellows Falls	Frances Nora Taylor, Town
8		Clarence W. Burnham, Town	Dorothy Amsden Miller, Town
9		Nelson Ludlow Richardson, Town	Dorothy Florence Doty, Town
12		Arthur Moote, Town	Wilma Grace Damon, Town
18		Earl Raymond Newton, Town	Irene Elizabeth McNamara, Charlestown, N. H.
25		Fredrich Harmon Reich, Town	Evelyn O'Leary, Town
26		Carl Guhan Anderson, Town	Ruth D. Greeniee, Town
27		Hugh Walter Davis, Town	Louise Marguerite Dressel, Town
30		Nelson Marcellus Smith, Weston	Sadie Julia Lakso, Town
30		Chester E. Sawin, West Windsor	Marion R. Carpenter, Town
Aug. 2		Wilbur Alson Atkins, New York City	Veronica Ethel Greene, Town
13		Donald C. Elliot, Springfield, Mass.	Dorothy Madeleine Pomfrey, Town
13		Kemp N. Saunders, Town	Dorothy Mabel Knight, Town
17		William Leo Dee, Concord, Mass.	Eileen Abbie Bugbee, Town
27		Glenn Eugene Smith, Rockingham	Beatrice Hazel Ward, Town
30		Henry Earl Gosselin, Town	Beatrice Rose Martell, Town
Sept. 5		Clarence E. Cutler, Town	Nellie Lucy Leland, Chester Depot
11		Richard Allbee Hill, Town	Justa Merle Sinon, Town
14		Burton LeRoy Spreadbury, Town	Ada Virginia Frail, Perkinsville
17		Albert Peter LaFrank, Town	Winifred Elizabeth Hogan, Hartford, Conn.

Marriages

24	Clarence Charles Perry, Town	Ida Christine Digby, Weathersfield
26	Vital J. Blais, Town	Gervais Marie Petvin, Claremont, N. H.
Oct. 3	Charles Edwin Simonds, Town	Irene Lynette Davis, Town
11	William O. Lakso, Town	Goldie Mae Merriam, White Creek, N. Y.
12	Wesley Lyman Jerome, Town	Ruth Fanny Davis, Town
14	Laurence Russell Holton, Town	S. Mildred Knights, Town
15	Andrew P. Morrison, Town	Evelyn R. Tomilson, West Somerville, Mass.
Nov. 17	Francis Thomas Dunlevy, Brattleboro	Vera Marion Thomas, Town
8	Francis Stephen Sheldon, Town	Rose Anita Pasco, Windsor
10	Edward Joseph Bromley, Town	Arline Lillian Cashmore, Town
20	Raymond Warren Colston, Woodstock	Margaret Isabel Grant, Town
Dec. 14	John Thomas Farr, Town	Letitia Ellen Mitten, Fitchburg, Mass.
21	Vigo Umberto, Town	Elena Entella, Town
24	Glendon Davis, Town	Anna Bolton, Town
28	Ernest Roy Humphrey, Town	Delta Abbie Sibley, Barre

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths Occurring Elsewhere, Burials in Springfield

Date of Death	Name of Decedent	Age		Dys.	Place of Death
		Yrs.	Mos.		
1926					
Dec. 10	Achsa W. Martin	80			Boxford, Mass.
1927					
Jan. 4	William H. Wolfe	72			Boxford, Mass.
Jan. 5	Abbie Smith	73	6	22	Bridgeport, Conn.
15	Alton H. Edmunds	47	9	18	Trenton, N. J.
20	Harry Hitchcock Lawrence	41			Hanover, N. H.
24	Almon L. Chatsey	72	9	25	Claremont, N. H.
28	Nellie Ellison	74	8	13	Ludlow, Vt.
29	Earl Cady	22	9	3	Chester, Vt.
Feb. 5	Sophia LaFountain	76	10	17	North Andover, Mass.
17	Burton McFadden	41	1	24	Hartland, Vt.
23	Hattie May Clark	59	9	9	Agawam, Mass.

Deaths Occurring Elsewhere, Burials in Springfield

Date of Death	Name of Decedent	Yrs.	Age Mos.	Dys.	Place of Death
25	Harold E. Towne	39	6	12	Lowell, Mass.
28	Edith M. Olney	65	6	14	Weathersfield, Vt.
Mar. 29	Joseph Manvill Lewis	83	11	9	North Westport, Mass.
May 1	Oscar H. Rumrill	56	0	19	Brattleboro, Vt.
June 4	Kathleen L. Bixby	38	10	16	Billerica, Mass.
13	Emma Eloise Boyde	68			Deland, Florida
18	Cora Nellie Landon	68	11	13	Concord, N. H.
21	Mary J. Trotter	61			Glens Falls, N. Y.
25	Herbert G. Rockwell	55	1	16	Amherst, Mass.
21	Cyrus Highland Jackson	88	3	2	Woodstock, Vt.
July 7	Charles Wilkinson	—	—	—	Batavia, N. Y.
16	Kate Marie Stearns Rice	74	0	28	East Providence, R. I.
Aug. 8	Frank McNamara	66	5	7	Claremont, N. H.
Sept. 26	Catherine Duffy Dufanio	36	5	29	Utica, N. Y.
Dec. 21	Mary R. Bigelow	82	10	24	Bellows Falls, Vt.

VITAL STATISTICS

		Deaths			Age		
Date of	Death	Name of Decedent	Sex		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
1927							
Jan.	7	Bert John Grover	M	53	11	28	
	12	Fred R. Richardson	M	61	11	2	
	14	Abbie J. Hall	F	78	9	0	
	18	Mary E. Bryant	F	73	4	7	
	24	Alice Jane Hilliard Barton	F	65	8	12	
	27	Isabella M. Benson	F	78	7	21	
	31	Louise Blodgett	F	50	4	28	
Feb.	1	Rose Mary Quinn	F		6	6	
	6	Sophia Bernek	F	9	0	7	
	7	Elmer H. Nelson	M	60	10	11	
	7	William Litchfield	M	45	8	1	
	9	Edna Maria Cross	F	43	7	0	
	14	Elvira Nancy Woodworth	F	75	9	7	
	14	Harry Dubanevich	M		2	12	
	19	Victor Siliski	M		2	23	
	25	Ida E. Emerson	F	73	5	4	
	28	Alexander Akuleck	M	47	9	7	
Mar.	4	William Henry Haskell	M	64	7	23	
	10	Edward Alfred Blodgett	M			4	
	16	Whitcomb baby	M			1-24	
	20	Frederick G. Ellison	M	85	1	9	
	24	Yashinski baby	M			1	
	28	Gertrude Alice Arrison	F	6	2	0	
	30	Charles A. Hudson	M	36	1	20	
Apr.	1	Roy S. Holman	M	47	2	21	
	3	Irene M. Davis	F	75	1	11	
	12	Albert D. Morey	M	64	0	21	
	16	Elizabeth Abbott Tupper	F	66	2	14	
	18	Emma Ayers Bowman	F	79	11	12	
	20	Patricia Amy Wilkins	F			3	
May	2	Richard Bedell Steel	M			1-12	
	10	Rachel E. Goad	F	8	6	4	

		Deaths				
Date of Death	Name of Decedent	Sex	Age			
			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	
1927						
	14 Ruth Clara Wing	F	9	5	17	
	28 Fannie Louise Chase	F	37	7	7	
June	3 Lucinda Mansfield	F	81	6	15	
	5 Oscar Albert Pease	M	59	9	17	
	14 Jessie E. Witherell	F	56	3	26	
	24 William R. Weatherhead	M	55	4	18	
	26 William H. H. Chapman	M	86	3	2	
July	21 Zoe M. Eddy Wells	F	37	5	26	
	23 Lizzie R. (Davis) McConnell	F	71	3	11	
	31 William P. Connelly	M	70	3	14	
Aug.	22 James B. Hildreth	M	84	2	25	
	24 June Randall	F	7	2	13	
Sept.	11 Mary Emma Eby	F	62	3	25	
	21 Mary O. Gay Bowen	F	69	2	30	
	22 Charles H. Brown	M	40	11	25	
	27 Lucian Gould	M	75	8	7	
	29 Hattie Wilkins Haley	F	37	9	0	
Oct.	7 John Henry Green	M	16	10	0	
	12 James F. Roby	M	85	7	22	
	14 Mary Labelle	F	45	2	24	
	17 Ellis Ray Lane	M		5	17	
	29 Whipple baby	F			1-3	
	31 Mabel Blodgett	F	18	7	28	
Nov.	2 Margaret Saucier	F	73	7	9	
	3 Robert Malcolm Gregg	M		8	21	
	13 Mary Eliza Gill	F	38	1	12	
	16 Richard Ward Dent	M	66	10	10	
	22 Arnold F. McCarthy	M	3	10	11	
	24 Minnie E. Long	F	57	7	4	
	25 George H. Adams	M	77	1	24	
Dec.	7 Sardine Gilson Parker	M	82	4	0	
	10 John J. Dailey	M	57	6	21	
	12 Mary E. Wilson	F	62	3	0	
	18 Helma Leppana	F	54	5	28	
	20 Frederick Anderson	M	72	0	0	
	21 Alma O. Clark	F	54	3	21	
	28 Fred Britton	M	59	2	2	
	28 Fred Arthur Nourse	M	14	11	8	
	30 Orland Wilcox Bishop	M	79	0	22	

NOTIFICATION

The inhabitants of the Town of Springfield and Town School District, who are legal voters in the Town Meetings, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 1928, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

Article 1. To receive and act on the reports of the town officers and committees.

Art. 2. To elect town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the town will make some provision for fixing the salaries of the town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To make appropriation for schools, highways, care of the poor, present indebtedness of the town, salaries of the town officers, and all other purposes for which the law requires appropriation or for which the town may legally vote and to vote rates of taxation for the same.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise a special tax of seven cents on the dollar of the grand list for the permanent repair and patrol of unimproved rural highways.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, in addition to the sum now required by law, to take advantage of the State Aid law and if so, how much.

Art. 7. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to contract with the State Highway Commissioner for resurfacing State highways and appropriate a sum not to exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 8. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to meet an appropriation that may be made by the State for the improvement of rural highways.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars toward the support of the district nurse to be spent under the supervision of the poor department.

Art. 10. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for further improvement of the highway from White's Bridge to Rockingham line.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for general highway purposes, in addition to that now provided by law.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars, to be expended for recreation purposes, this money to be expended and controlled by a Recreation Commission, to be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 13. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to defray the expense of Memorial Day.

Art. 14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be used for free scholarships for Springfield students in State institutions.

Art. 15. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the support of the Springfield Community Band (the local Brass Band) to furnish concerts for the coming summer, under such conditions as the selectmen may prescribe.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Springfield Town Library.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote the sum of five hundred dollars to aid the Springfield Fair, said money to be expended in repairing flood damage and improving the grounds and buildings, under the direction of the Park Trustees.

Art. 18. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars towards the support of the Springfield Hospital.

Art. 19. To see if the town will compensate the Springfield Manufacturers' Association of Springfield, Vermont, for money expended by the said Association, amounting to \$1302.81, in the celebration of Lindbergh Day on July 26, 1927, and to authorize the selectmen to draw an order payable to the said Association for the said sum.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to employ a certified accountant to audit the town accounts next year.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to transfer and convey to the corporation, known as the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Town Library, the plot of land which was conveyed to the Town of Springfield by R. W. Kinne, Trustee of the Trust Estate of William Sparrow, by deed dated October 25, 1926,

upon which the addition to the town library now stands, and if so to appoint an agent of the town to make and execute a deed of the said land.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to convey and transfer to Augusta E. Pedden the property situate and known as No. 6 and No. 8 Crescent Street, with the land and dwelling house, thereon, to which the town now has the title, to carry out the terms of a contract made with the said Augusta E. Pedden for the sale of the said property and if so, to appoint an agent to make and execute a deed thereof for the town.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the gifts or trust funds for cemetery purposes, according to conditions attached to said gifts or trusts, for the perpetual care of the following lots: Myron C. Whitcomb lot, \$100.00; Timothy Lockwood lot, \$50.00; Benoni Lockwood lot, \$100.00; T. T. and C. R. Ranney lot, \$50.00; Ella Ferrin lot, \$100.00; Lucius and Harriet Trombly lot, \$50.00; John Oscar Weeden lot, \$100.00; Jarvis and Sarah B. Perry lot, \$50.00; Justus Dartt lot, \$100.00; Robert Clark Allen lot, \$50.00; Lyman C. Lockwood lot, \$50.00; Minnie Long lot, \$50.00; Franklin and Nancy Ann Barney lot, \$100.00; Samuel Rollins lot, \$50.00; Phineas Bates lot, \$50.00; M. A. Stowell lot, \$50.00.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries the coming year.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to exempt the machinery, appliances and equipment of the Southern Vermont Mills, Inc., a manufacturing corporation, from taxation for a period of ten (10) years from the commencement of their business in Springfield.

Art. 26. To see if the town school district will vote to retire 10% of the town school district bonds, due October 1st, 1928, and to pay interest on said bonds and raise a tax therefor.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to retire six thousand dollars refunding bonds, due December 1st, 1928, and to pay interest on said bonds and to raise a tax therefor.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to pay taxes to the town treasurer.

Art. 29. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer to borrow money subject to the approval of the selectmen to meet the requirements of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 30. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, subject to the approval of the board of school directors, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes already rated to meet the requirements of the town school district for the ensuing year.

Art. 31. To do any other business that can be legally done under this warning.

Voting for town officers is by Australian ballot and will be continuous from nine A. M. to two P. M., when the polls will be closed.

Dated at Springfield, this twenty-third day of February, A. D., nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

J. L. JOHNSON

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